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Ms. Donna Searcy  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
1919 M Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Ms. Searcy:

I am taking the liberty of forwarding the enclosed letters for comment concerning the proposed revisions to the Private Land Mobile Radio Services (PR Docket No. 92-235).

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jim Leach  
Member of Congress

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U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative

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I am very active in the Davenport Radio Control Society whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes in the Iowa/Illinois (Quad City) metro area and I am very concerned about proposed rules

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Jack W. Carmichael

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Davenport, Iowa

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The Honorable Jim Leach  
209 W. 4th St.  
Davenport, IA 52801

Dear Mr. Leach:

As a member of the Davenport (IOWA) Radio Control Control Society, I wish to bring to your attention a proposed rule change that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-135**.

Our group is made up of 70 radio control enthusiasts. The radios are primarily being used to control model aircraft. Our purpose is to support and promote our sport/hobby in a safe and enjoyable manner. If the new ruling is adopted, it will greatly reduce the usable frequencies currently assigned for model use. This will increase the risk of accidents and attendant liabilities relative to model aircraft operation.

Our assigned model frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operation. However, our radio control frequencies are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to co-exist without interfering with each other.

The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the model operating frequencies and will cause interference to radio control operations. Should the new rules be affected, I am told that 44 of 60 radio control model frequencies will be affected by this interference.

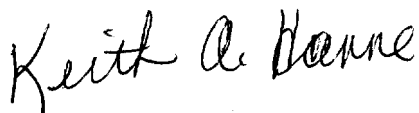
When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and by-standers and to protect property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the

I do not think it is wise for the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users, but we have considerable investment in our models and the contained radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of safe enjoyment to people like myself. It contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Mr. Leach, this is not a small issue to the thousands of people in Iowa and others from over the United States who use radio for control of models.

Please help us continue the safe operation of our model aircraft by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith A. Hanne".

Keith A. Hanne, Davenport Radio Control Society Member  
2044 Kings Drive  
Bettendorf, IA 52722



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